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Fundraising makes a real change for rough sleepers

By Eva Astreinidou

THE generosity of people in Basingstoke and Deane has helped achieve a remarkable fundraising target in support of rough sleepers.

For the second consecutive year, the Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) has run the Real Change, Not Loose Change campaign to extend services that help vulnerable people.

The aim of this year's campaign was to raise £16,180, to be distributed between three different local projects.

Now, £5,000 will go to the Night Light Winter Shelter, £4,160 to the Camrose Centre to allow it to open an extra day and £5,432 to Julian House, to provide facilities for rough sleepers to store their belongings safely.

Councillor Terri Reid was delighted with the result. She said: "Once again this year the campaign has demonstrated the compassion and generosity of the people of Basingstoke and Deane."

"We are thrilled to have surpassed the target with time to spare, and it's a real tribute to all the individuals, schools, groups, communities and companies who have shown concern and commitment by joining in with the campaign."

"So many people have contributed not just money but time and energy to organising fundraising activities and everyone on the SIP is so grateful to them."

She added: "The aim of Real Change has always been not just to raise money for this great cause but also to raise awareness and encourage community engagement.

"Homelessness can happen to just about everyone and everyone who is rough sleeping is still part of our community and deserves our support and compassion.

"The people of Basingstoke have again shown how much they care and how much they want to make a difference."

People of all ages and backgrounds joined the fundraising efforts this year.

At the beginning of last month the campaign had only achieved just over a quarter of its target but collections in the area and a real push to hit the target by the mid-January deadline has meant the campaign has achieved its goal and surpassed expectations.

In the last few months, schoolchildren from Fairfields Primary School raised £120 by selling hot drinks, youngsters at Oakley Infant School raised £525 from their nativity play while former rough sleeper and now council engineer Shirley Keer organised a carol concert.

Local homebuilder Vivid Homes also donated £1,000 to the cause.

As well as cash donations, people have also been collecting bedding, clothing and food.

100-year-old honoured for help at home

A 100-year-old care home resident in Basingstoke has been honoured with a special award for her kindness after raising more than £500 for the home.

The team and residents at Basingfield Court residential care home are celebrating their much-loved resident, Kathleen Green and her charitable contribution.

The centenarian known as Kath has been recognised with Sanctuary Care's monthly kindness award.

Kath collected all kinds of items, including handmade knit wear and even spare gifts from her recent milestone 100th birthday to sell at the home's Christmas fair in December, raising funds for the home and her fellow residents.

Care assistant Theresa Conner, who has worked at the Basingstoke home for five years was also honoured for going above and beyond and creating a number of wonderful crafts and crackers to sell at the fair.



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Rugby family go dry to help fight cancer

A RUGBY team is 'ditching the drink' to show support for a friend and joining the fight against cancer.

Emma Tinker, a member of Chineham RFC for more than 10 years, is undergoing chemotherapy after being told her cancer had returned.

Now, 15 of the club's players have taken on the 'unthinkable' dry January challenge until the end of the month, to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

The team say they consider themselves 'one big family' and what better way to prove that than showing their support after seeing the effect of the devastating illness on their friend.

Speaking about the appeal on Facebook, Emma posted: "We have truly felt, and continue to feel, enveloped in all the love and support we have received from all you lovely friends and family. We wish you all a very happy and healthy 2018 and good luck to the guys doing dry January."

The 15 players say they hope to raise more than £800 towards the cause, and are currently at £310.

One of the players, Jack Webster,



Emma Tinker with husband John, is being supported by her rugby club family at Chineham RFC

said Emma is currently undergoing treatment and has recently seen a decrease in the size of her tumour.

Dave Floyd, chairman of the club, said: "Our rugby club is proud of its 'one big family' ethos and as one of our

members is battling cancer, this is our way of showing our support and help through this difficult time."

To donate, visit <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/chineham-rfc>.

Aldi planned for empty food store, 40 new jobs

By Eva Astreinidou

AN old food store that has been empty for months could now be transformed into a new Aldi, creating 40 jobs.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has agreed a deal with the supermarket chain to set up shop in Winklebury.

The building's landlord and the council, who own the site of the old Budgens in Winklebury Way, have been in negotiations since March 2017.

Now, the council hopes the deal to lease the land to Aldi will help provide a much-needed and modern shop.

Cabinet member and portfolio

holder for property and development Cllr John Izett said: "Bringing new investment to Winklebury is a high priority for the council.

"The opening of this new store would improve choice and convenience for the residents of Winklebury and surrounding areas as well as providing new jobs. It is also important that council-owned land is used in a way that benefits the area and these proposals would mean a much-improved building and bring in rents to contribute towards council services. I look forward to welcoming the company to the borough and will be hoping for an early opening of the

proposed new store."

An Aldi spokesperson said: "We are delighted to be progressing plans for a new Aldi in Winklebury. The new store will give local people more shopping choice and easier access to Aldi's popular high quality, great value offer, saving them time and money."

"The store is expected to create up to 40 new jobs, and Aldi is proud to have been recently named as The Grocer Employer of the Year, in recognition of the amazing training opportunities and the industry leading rates of pay we offer."

Aldi is expected to submit a planning application later this year.

InBrief

Cat killed in fire as families rehoused

A FAMILY pet died in a fire at a block of flats that led to seven people having to be rehoused.

Firefighters were called to a fire in Cayman Close, Popley, at around 8pm on Saturday after smoke was seen coming from a first floor home.

Around 20 firefighters were met with a blaze that had spread to the roof, causing smoke damage to flats.

The flat the fire started in was destroyed in the blaze. A cat belonging to the occupants, who were not in at the time, was killed in the fire.

All of the block's residents had to be rehoused because of a loss of power.

Speaking after the incident, Basingstoke and Deane deputy leader Cllr Terri Reid said: "Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service quickly tackled the fire last night and no one was injured. But my heart goes out to the person who owned the flat involved, especially as they lost their pet."

"Our officers were out at the scene of the fire last night and have been working closely with Vivid, the housing association that owns the building, to ensure that the people affected by the fire had somewhere to stay."

Police and fire services are investigating the cause of the blaze.

Grant applications

COMMUNITY groups in Tadley are being asked to get their applications in for a chance at winning a funding grant.

Clubs can apply for a grant of between £250 and £2,000 to assist in completing projects that help the community in Tadley.

On April 7 at the annual town meeting, Tadley residents will be given the chance to look at the various projects on offer, talk to the people involved and then cast their vote via a ballot box.

The groups that get the most votes will be those which get the grants.

To send completed applications before February 23, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y7wtl446>.

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Manager's fears for football club as budget cuts hit hard

By Eva Astreinidou

THE Basingstoke Town manager has warned the club may not survive with challenges to its budget and low morale.

The 'Stoke beat high flying Kettering at the weekend, but the good news came with a sour note with Terry Brown saying the team's promising players are being 'let down'.

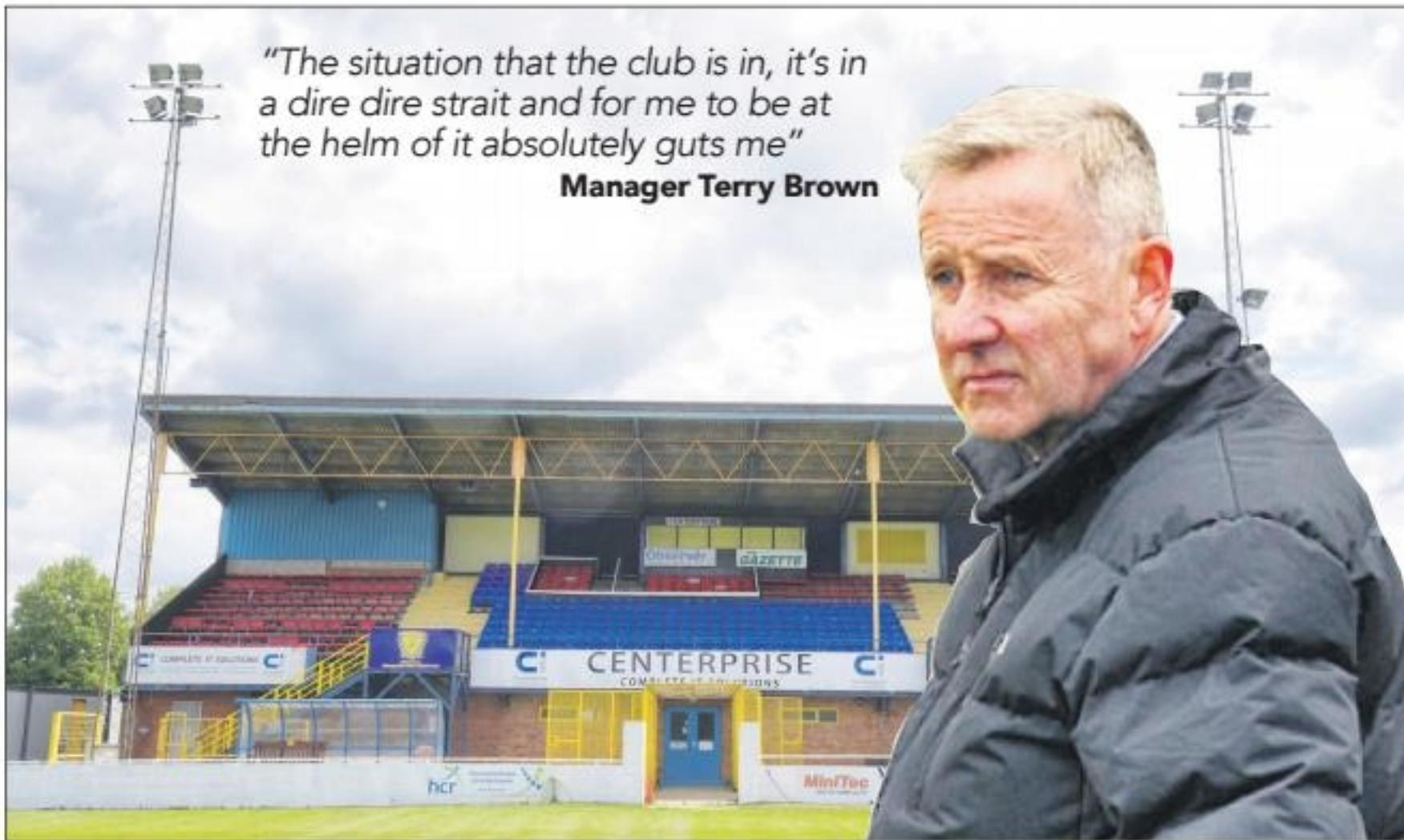
Expressing his frustration, he said: "How long we can maintain paying these boys and keeping this team is I think the next question that we will be asking ourselves and we are running at a loss to fill that side, we haven't got enough to fill."

"So it's a fantastic day but a sad realisation that the club can't even fund a team on the budget of just over a grand a week."

The club went into community ownership towards the end of last year and an appeal began to raise £20,000 for 'a reasonable squad of players'.

Brown said: "It's disappointing as a manager because we just outplayed the side that is top of the table but we are not in a position to do that the next week and the week after."

"Our boys won't have a problem getting into clubs but we will have a problem winning games and keeping the morale up because after what has been the best performance of the



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Manager Terry Brown

season I'm going to have to look at cutting the budget.

"There's no alternative to it because we are running at a loss and there's no chance of us getting relegated this year. I think we are letting down the players of the club. The kids are hardly being paid any money."

"The situation that the club is in, it's

in a dire dire strait and for me to be at the helm of it absolutely guts me."

The club has been facing uncertainty since former chairman Rafi Razzak decided to end his involvement with the club, with the Camrose set to be sold off for redevelopment with potential housing plans.

The club has been fundraising to

maintain the squad for this season, with several schemes encouraging people to become members and help sponsor the team so that it can 'survive and thrive'.

Mr Brown added: "[There are] 160,000 people in Basingstoke and we can't pay for a team. It's doing my head in at the moment."

InBrief

Fraud investigation

A CCTV image has been released of a man police are looking for in connection with several incidents of fraud.



Officers believe the man may have vital information on the incidents, some of which took place in Basingstoke.

The investigation relates to allegations a man approached businesses in the Portsmouth, Eastleigh, Basingstoke and Southampton areas last month pretending to be from a nearby off licence.

The man then offered to sell cost price alcohol and cigarettes, claiming that his store is closing down soon.

Once he received payment, he left the shops saying he'd return with the goods but he did not.

If you recognise this man, or have any other information, call 101.

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Montessori praised in its first Ofsted report

A PRE-SCHOOL in Whitchurch has been praised for letting children 'flourish'.

In its first Ofsted inspection in November, Whitchurch Montessori, based in Testbourne community school, has been rated 'good'.

Inspectors praised the school and its staff for their approaches on personal development, behaviour and welfare, and for supporting and effectively listening to children.

The report read: "Staff ignite children's love for learning and

build very effectively on what children know and can do. They are extremely skilled at targeting support for any children who need extra help. Children relish taking part in the exciting activities on offer.

"Staff provide exciting and innovative experiences outdoors that support children's physical health and help them to take risks and attempt new challenges in their play.

"Children delight in climbing trees and they enjoy using tools, such as saws, with great care

and skill to support their physical skills."

It added: "Children have positive attitudes to learning and are confident and active learners. They flourish in confidence, show high levels of self-esteem and behave exceptionally well."

The report read: "To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should give children time to follow their ideas or to finish the activity they are engaged with at their own pace."

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Radio show in running for awards

A RADIO show that featured a special programme to raise awareness for partial vision and blindness has been nominated for a national award.

Hospital Radio Basingstoke hosted a two-hour show on World Sight Day in October to help raise awareness for the work of local charity Helping Hands for the Blind.

The show clearly stood out, as the station has now reached the final 10 in the category of best speech package for the National Hospital Radio Awards 2018.

The charity's chairman Dave Chatten Smith, who is blind, said the team is delighted to be included in the nominations that are decided by the Hospital Broadcasting Association.

He said: "It is a really important message to everyone to take care of your sight which is why this day was created by the World Health Organisation."

The show's host Christine Rowley, who has also been nominated in the category of female presenter of the year, had the idea to



Presenter Christine Rowley with Helping Hands for the Blind chairman Dave Chatten Smith

put together a special programme, calling on Mr Smith and Alex Soto, the charity's secretary, to help.

Speaking on the show, Mr Soto described his own experience of becoming partially sighted and how he copes with everyday life – since then, he has become a regular guest on the programme.

He said: "I love going on air, radio is very comforting and it's great to be part of it."

Helping Hands for the Blind works to provide services that empower visually impaired people to live more independently and offer training for organisations on sight awareness.

More strike action as rail dispute continues

By Eva Astreinidou

THE latest series of disruptive rail strikes will come to an end tomorrow following a 20-month dispute that is yet to be resolved.

In an official statement last week, rail union RMT confirmed it would carry out three days of strikes this week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The strike action comes after a lengthy and unresolved dispute between train operators South Western Railway and the RMT union over the job security of train guards.

On Wednesday last week, the rail union said proposed talks with the rail operator have collapsed after the company unilaterally decided to 'walk away'.

The union claimed it had arranged to meet the rail operator in a 'last ditch' attempt to negoti-

ate. RMT General Secretary Mick Cash said: "The union is angry and frustrated that our efforts to get talks back under way with South Western Railway over 20 months into our dispute with the company have been kicked back in our faces when it looked like we were making some progress."

They said the objective of the talks with South Western Railway was to seek an agreement that guarantees a guard on their trains and therefore 'protects the safety, security and access of the travelling public'.

Andy Mellors, managing director at SWR said: "I know that you will share my disappointment that once again you are to be inconvenienced by this unnecessary industrial action."

"The last few months have been challenging, with industrial action and poor performance, making life

difficult for everyone. I had hoped to start the New Year on a more positive note."

He added: "We will continue to try and find a solution, but it is difficult to see what this dispute is about. It's not about money as we have guaranteed people's terms and conditions, it's not about jobs because we have said we will need more guards not less as we run more and longer trains; and it's not about safety as we want to keep the second person on our trains to provide help and assistance."

A contingency timetable will remain in place tomorrow, after SWR said there would be rail replacement bus services, ticket acceptance on other train companies, and lengthening of trains in key areas.

For more information and to check your journey, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ya9yqgub>.

Honoured for service to the community

A 78-year-old RAF veteran has been recognised by the Queen for his years of service and commitment to the community of Basingstoke.

Percy Iles, from Sherfield-on-Loddon, has been honoured with the Order of the British Empire (BEM) in this year's New Year Honours list.

He was one of 318 medallists to receive the BEM across the UK, in the list published on December 30.

Percy, better known as Pip, was

in the RAF for 28 years and then continued to work with RAF veterans in a variety of community roles.

In 2016, Mr Iles was also honoured with a mayoral award for his work with the Royal Air Forces Association Basingstoke and the Royal British Legion, providing care and support for serving members and veterans.

Nearly 30 people from Hampshire were honoured, including from Southampton, Winchester, Alton and Romsey.



Percy Iles with the Mayor's Award he was given by former Mayor Anne Court

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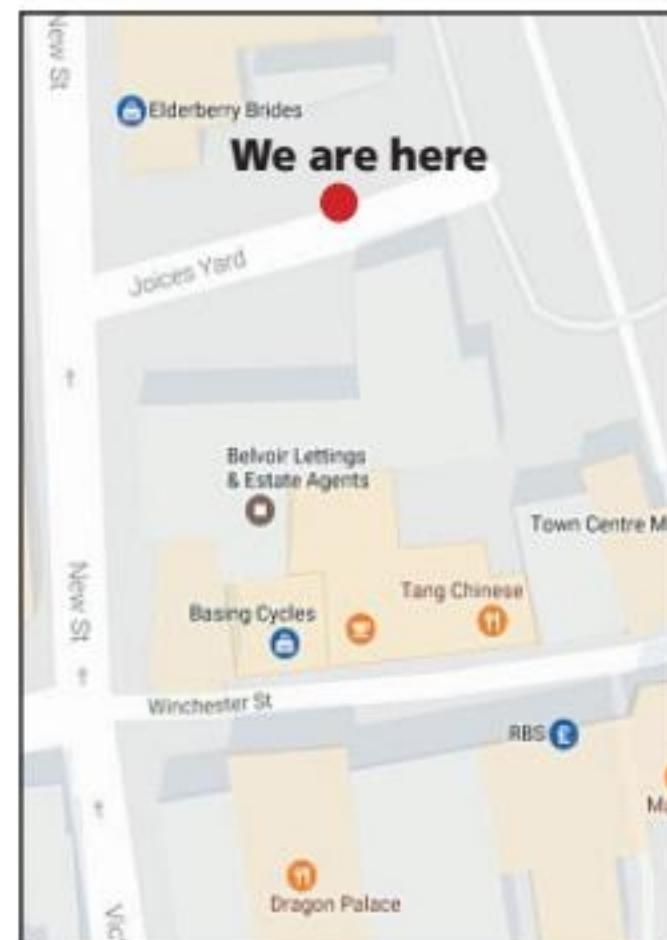
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Fundraising for cancer centre

By Eva Astreinidou

A CANCER charity is welcoming support from two of Basingstoke's leading companies.

Staff at local companies Unum UK and Easy as HGV have pledged to raise money and awareness for Ark Cancer Charity, for two years and one year respectively.

The teams will be taking part in various events and activities to help raise funds for Ark's appeal to raise £5million for a much-needed unique cancer treatment centre that will be built in the Basingstoke area.

Peter O'Donnell, chief executive officer of Unum UK which provides employee benefits, said staff chose Ark from 100 different nominated charities.

He said: "We look forward to helping Ark to achieve its goals."

Mark Jones, director of fundraising and communications at Ark, said: "[We are] proud, grateful and honoured to have been chosen.

"It's a partnership through which Unum colleagues can really make a difference."

Sister companies Easy As HGV Ltd and HGV Driver Training Centre Ltd, both family-run businesses based in Fleet, have also pledged to help raise funds for the centre.

Business manager Darren Lucas said: "They say 'charity starts at home', and being a local company with most of our staff and a good number of our candidates coming from this area, it seemed the right choice to support a charity that will benefit so many people in the Hampshire area."

He added: "With Ark, the building of this dedicated cancer centre will mean that the treatment and recovery of cancer patients can be completed locally, saving them the struggle of travelling over an hour to other centres when they are in such a vulnerable state."

The fundraising total for the new facility is currently at £1.7m.



From left, Ark Cancer Centre Charity supporter Craig Killick, Mark Jones, Ark's director of fundraising and communications, and Andy Brown, charity champion at Unum in Basingstoke and below, the team from Easy as HGV and HGV Driver Training Centre – both businesses will be supporting Ark Cancer Centre Charity during 2018



Grants on offer for groups to help reduce county's waste

A NEW community fund hopes to protect local groups that work to reduce the amount of household waste in Hampshire.

Councils in the area run a range of services from hiring and rental for baby products and homeware, to providing community fridges, furniture upcycling schemes or help with growing food – but Hampshire County

Council says sometimes the good work can be limited due to lack of funding.

Now, the council has launched the Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund, which will offer up to £5,000 to support and inspire new schemes so they can continue to reach as many people as possible.

A spokesperson said: "We're hoping to encourage and inspire commu-

nity groups, schools, parish councils, small businesses, charities and other organisations to share their knowledge or provide facilities. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support the delivery of projects which set up new products and services that help prevent waste generated from within peoples' homes."

Applications are due by January 31.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss potential projects with the county council's Smart Living team prior to submitting an application.

Contact the team via email waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk to arrange an informal discussion.

To apply before January 31, visit www.hants.gov.uk/grants/environment-grants.

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Numbers add to funds

PUPILS and teachers in Hampshire can go head-to-head to become the next 'mathionnaire'.

Children's safeguarding charity NSPCC is hosting its annual number day on February 2, encouraging schools across the county to take part.

Number Day is a maths-inspired fundraising day for children in nursery through to secondary school, with free downloadable maths activities, suitable for all ages and abilities.

These curriculum-based activities include the quiz Who Wants to Be a Mathionnaire? based on the popular TV show, and a Number Hunt, where children have to find the teacher with the correct answer.

Pupils are also encouraged to 'dress up for digits' for the day and make a donation to wear an item of clothing with a number on it.

All the money raised will go towards funding NSPCC services. To sign up, visit www.nspcc.org.uk/numberday.

Project's 100th team

A FIRE and rescue training programme has reached a major milestone, having just worked with its 100th team in Hampshire.

The 12-week course, which teaches people aged between 16 and 25 new skills, helps them build confidence and gain a qualification, has been run by the fire service for 15 years.

Already helping more than 1,400 young people in the area, the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service's (HFRS) Prince's Trust programme will be rolling out similar schemes across Basingstoke this year.

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Cat lover's mission for vet after kitten saved

Leo brought home by holidaymaker in Cyprus

By Eva Astreinidou

A NEGLECTED kitten from Cyprus is settling into a loving home in England for the New Year thanks to an ambitious campaigner.

Bramley resident Vikki Patterson always had a thing for feeding stray cats while holidaying abroad – when she came across a tiny ill kitten in Ayia Napa that was only 'days from death' last year, she decided to take action.

When she first saw Leo, a then eight-week-old malnourished kitten with an infected eye, he was 'skinny and weak'.

After speaking to the Ayia Napa Cats charity and taking him to the vet, she decided to start her own fundraising campaign, raising nearly £700 to bring the adorable kitten to England.

Now, cuddly Leo has settled in with Vikki's sister Elizabeth, who was able to give him the home he needed.

Speaking about how her campaign got started, Mrs Patterson said: "I couldn't stop thinking about him."

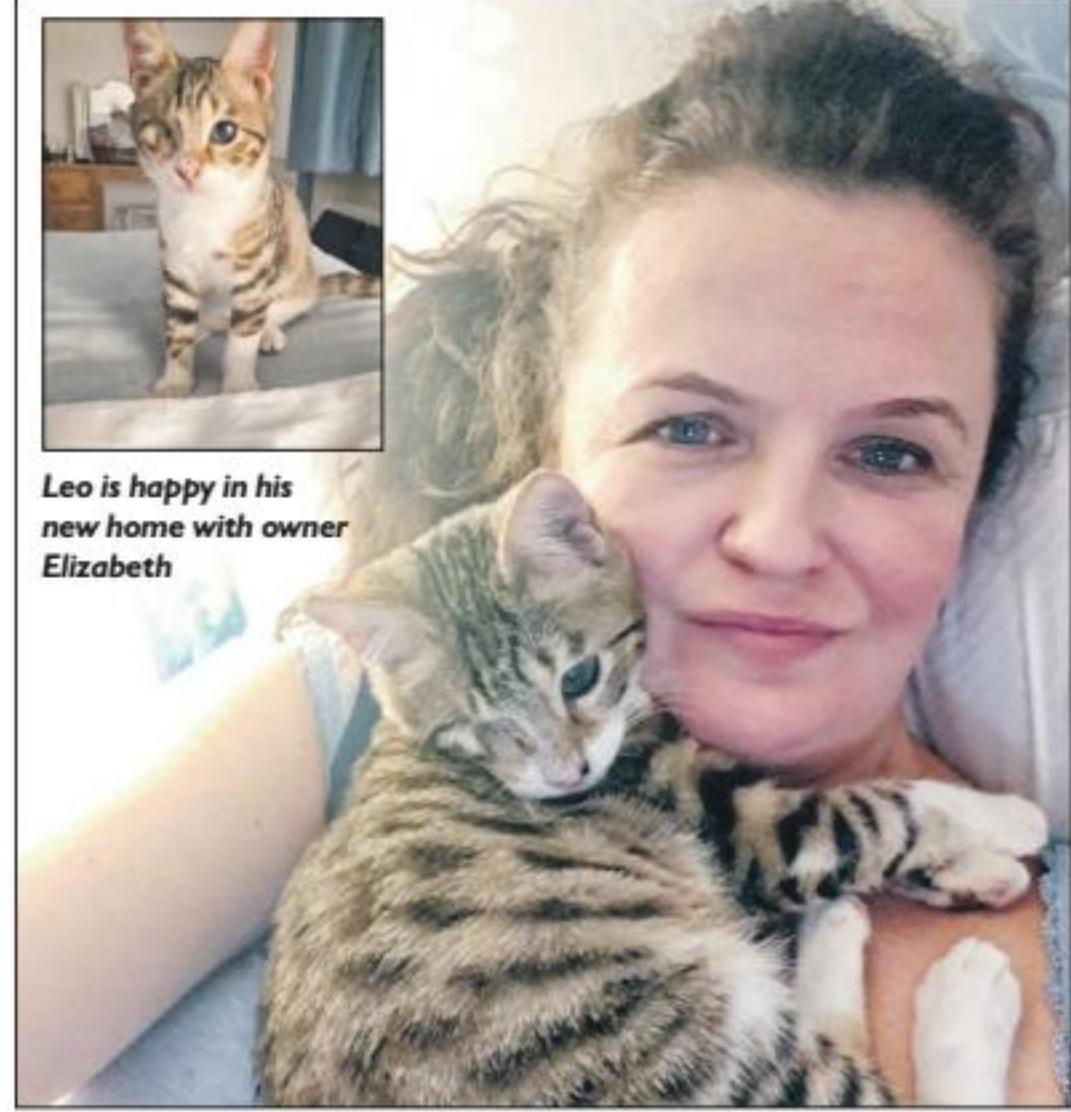
"[He] was so skinny I was surprised his little legs could carry his tiny body."

"I contacted the charity who said if I could transport him to a vets in Paralimni they could arrange treatment. I took him the very next day, he was so weak he didn't put up any resistance."

"The brilliant vet gave him antibiotics, cat flu treatment and



Leo is happy in his new home with owner Elizabeth



wormed him and said he would need an operation on his eye which he had lost sadly."

She added: "Leo is [now] doing fantastic, loving life, full of energy and he seems to be so appreciative to us for saving him from dying a horrible death. He is the most amazing kitten."

Speaking about the overwhelming support for her fundraising, she said: "I have been contacted by such lovely people who have very generously donated but a lot

of people are saying they would also like to support the local charity in Cyprus that is helping me, Ayia Napa Cats."

"They work tirelessly to save and feed the ill and starving cats in Ayia Napa. I have therefore raised my target to £800 in the hope that we can purchase some food and vets bill vouchers to help them with their mission."

To donate, go to youcaring.com/vickipattersonleothekitten-1000850.

Working hard to clear up after Eleanor

HIGHWAYS teams worked around the clock to keep roads clear in Basingstoke and Deane following the impact of Storm Eleanor.

A number of roads were blocked due to fallen trees and homes were left without power as strong winds and heavy rainfall battered Hampshire last week.

Fifty trees were brought down following excessive wind speed, while excess water remained on the roads.

Morgaston Road in Sherborne

St John, Tadley, and Bramshill Road in Hook were blocked with diversions in place until the road was cleared.

Speaking on Wednesday last week, councillor Rob Humby, executive member for environment and transport at Hampshire County Council, said: "Our highways teams have worked hard through the night to manage the impact of Storm Eleanor on our roads. Our emergency crews and specialist tree crews remain out

at locations today, clearing these fallen trees and water off the roads so that motorists can take their planned routes.

"Whilst excess water remains on the roads, all road users are advised to be extra cautious in these adverse conditions and drivers are asked to [allow] extra time for journeys, and showing appropriate consideration for other road and footway users."

Any flooding issues should be reported to the police by contacting 101.

InBrief

Join charity run

WANT to challenge yourself by taking part in a run for charity?

Registration for the Basingstoke 5k and 10k run is now open.

Entry to the event, which sets off from the Down Grange sports complex on May 16, ranges from £8 to £15.

All proceeds go to St Michael's hospice, a charity dedicated to providing care to people throughout north Hampshire who are affected by life-limiting illness free of charge.

To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y7db3tv9>.

Pipe work continues

MOTORISTS in Hook should plan ahead as work to increase water supplies in the town continues.

South East Water started the project to lay a new 1.4 kilometre long water pipe along Griffin Way South on Monday.

Temporary traffic lights will be in place for the duration of the 27-week project to keep the public and the company's workforce safe.

The work will begin at the junction with Four Acre Coppice and move south towards Station Road.

For updates, visit corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/hook.

Trampoline park open

BASINGSTOKE'S £2million trampoline and adventure park Flip Out is set to finally open following a delay to its original date after weather damage to the roof.

As part of the opening at Festival Place shopping centre on Saturday at 9am, visitors can win unlimited use of the park for a year.

The 25,000 sq ft arena features 30ft high cyber towers, 25ft high super slides, giant climbing walls, battle beams, a laser maze, a wipe-out zone, and NinjaTAG.

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Give Ark a hand with a fresh start for new year

By Eva Astreinidou

SUPPORTERS of a cancer charity are being asked to carry on the 'out with the old, in with the new' spirit in the new year.

Nearly £40,000 has been raised for Ark Cancer Charity through recycling unwanted clothes, and the charity is asking its supporters to help continue the good work as it nears its £5million fundraising goal.

Now, Ark is urging local people to make a resolution to recycle unwanted clothes and shoes in one of the charity's many branded recycling banks dotted in and around Basingstoke.

To make this happen, the charity has partnered up with Bag It Up Ltd (BIU) – a clothing and textile recycling company.

As one of BIU's charity partners, Ark will benefit from a percentage of the proceeds when residents, businesses and community groups recycle their unwanted clothing, shoes and household linens at Ark-branded BIU recycling locations in Hampshire – with nearly £40,000 being raised so far for the charity.

Wendy Yarney, charity partnerships manager at BIU, said: "Since January, more than 3,200 bags of clothing have been donated to the bank we placed there – that's nearly 10 bags a day.

"The money raised thanks to your generosity will definitely help Ark Cancer Centre Charity get closer to achieving its goals."

Ark Cancer Centre Charity brand-

ing is displayed on BIU recycling banks at more than 50 locations in the Hampshire area, most of them in and around Basingstoke and Deane.

One of the most popular Ark recycling banks is located at Morrisons in Basingstoke, where Mrs Yarney recently presented Ali Perris, the community champion at the store, with a special Milestone Scheme certificate to mark the number of bags that have been recycled there.

Speaking about the successful campaign, Mark Jones, director of fundraising and communications at Ark, said: "We are grateful to everyone who has recycled items in the charity's branded banks – it is a great show of support

"January is the month to make



BIU charity partnerships manager Wendy Yarney, left, presents Ali Perris with the Milestone Scheme certificate

new resolutions and we hope many people will take this opportunity to have a winter clean-out and recycle unwanted clothes and shoes in the banks that carry Ark Cancer Centre Charity's branding."

The charity is raising the funds

towards a much-needed new cancer treatment centre, which will be largely funded by Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust.

To find your nearest Ark-branded BIU bank, visit <https://biugroup.co.uk/banklocator/>.

New support service to help 'parents' through adoption

A NEW online support service has been launched to help those taking the big step of deciding to adopt or foster a child.

Hampshire County Council is offering a live web chat with specialists who can offer information and answer questions about adoption and potential eligibility to adopt.

There are more than 40 children in the care of Hampshire County

Council waiting to be adopted, with a particular need for adopters who feel they could give a home to sibling groups, or a child with disabilities.

Recently, Lucy and Mark, from north Hampshire, adopted a young brother and sister, who are just 11 months apart in age.

Speaking about their experience, they said: "It's amazing, we have learned so much about ourselves,

our children and about living as a family. We wanted our own children, but when it didn't happen for us, we looked into adoption as our next plan.

"We didn't want to go through fertility treatment and with so many children needing families it just felt like the best thing to do."

The couple said the process was quick for them and they felt well pre-

pared with help from the council's adoption support team, but said: "It was great that things moved on so fast once we'd decided to do it.

"However, it did make it an intense experience, especially at the point of meeting the children.

"You need to be open to anything and ready to just go with it."

To find out more, visit www.hants.gov.uk/adoption.

Brush up art skills

WANT to discover a whole new world of unicorns and other magical beasts?

Kingsclere Village Club on George Street is hosting a unique cartoon drawing and painting workshop for children over the age of five this Saturday from 1pm to 3pm.

Children are advised to dress for mess for the fun event.

Entry per child is £3 and includes a drink and a biscuit – there is no need to book in advance.

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The sound of Simon & Garfunkel

By Josh Cox

IT'S been 50 years since the most successful folk/rock duo of all time recorded their first number one hit single, The Sound of Silence.

Now, the West End hit show The Simon & Garfunkel Story is heading to The Anvil, celebrating the music of the pair.

The Simon & Garfunkel Story has been performed in more than 50 countries around the world from Sydney to Seattle and ran at the Lyric Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue, London.

Featuring a cast of talented West End actor-musicians, The Simon and Garfunkel Story takes the audience through the groovy times of the 1960s.

It tells the story of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel from their humble beginnings right through to their massive success, dramatic break-up and finishing with a stunning recreation of the 1981 Central Park reformation concert.

Using a huge projection screen, the show features 1960s photos and film footage while a full live band perform all their hits including Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Homeward Bound, The Sound of Silence and many more.

Writer of the show Dean Elliot said: "I've always been a fan of Paul Simon,

Charles Blyth as Art Garfunkel and Philip Murray Warson as Paul Simon



his music and poetry, and it was one of the best things to be given the opportunity to look at my idol and inspiration through a microscope."

"The show has been tried and tested in every major theatre around the world.

"The audience just go crazy. It twins

incredible music with technology, giving off nostalgia. The audiences can sense the show has been made from love.

"I've performed at the Anvil many years ago with The Buddy Holly Story, it's a great place and I'm looking forward to it."

The Simon and Garfunkel Story will be at The Anvil on January 31 at 7.45pm. Tickets to the show cost £23; over 65s, under 16s and full-time student tickets cost £20.

For more information or to book, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

Back in black

MUSIC: For an evening celebrating the music of AC/DC and Thin Lizzy head to The Cricketers in Baughurst this Saturday.

Syn City Rockers, a heavy rock five piece group will be covering the two bands' greatest hits over the decades.

There is no entry fee and the band will kick off at 9pm.

Feel the energy

MUSIC: Rock duo NRG perform at The Raven in Hook on January 20.

The pair will play music from the likes of Simon & Garfunkel, Cat Stevens, Bob Dylan, The Eagles, Pink Floyd and many more.

The free gig starts at 8.30pm.

The good old days

MUSIC: Pop and rock pair 2Tanium will be playing at Crookham Street Social Club in Crookham Village on January 20 from 8.30pm. 2Tanium will be performing a mix of covers with an emphasis on the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Entry fee to be decided.

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That's the way to rock the new year

By Josh Cox

THE UK's premier rock and roll production, That'll Be The Day returns with another brand new show this January.

Highly acclaimed for its stunning live entertainment value, That'll Be The Day is an outstanding celebration of the golden era of popular music.

This latest production features a new line-up of smash hits spanning the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, plus side-splitting comic sketches, all performed live on stage.

The first origins of the show can be traced back to 1985 when a variety show called The Happy Days of Rock 'n' Roll was launched by Bristol-based agent John Mills for the club and cabaret circuit for only a few a six week autumn tour.

Success soon followed when producer and writer Trevor Payne developed a new show That'll Be The Day, stemming from The Happy Days of Rock n Roll.

The production has grown year on year for more than 30 years and is now running at around 14 cast members.

Trevor said: "It's always a challenge to change the show every year but it's been one of the main reasons for its continued success. Change is good, how else could we have progressed?"



"As for retirement I'm not considering it. I remember meeting the great Bobby Charlton in Malta, we were having a chat after playing tennis and he said his one regret was retiring too early."

"He said being a manager was the next best thing but nothing gives you the thrill of playing. I won't make that mistake!"

That'll Be The Day will be rocking The Anvil on January 26 at 7.30pm.

Tickets to the show cost £27.

There will also be another chance to see the show at the Anvil in April.

For more information or to book tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

Jimmy Smith tribute

MUSIC: The talented musician Lucky Peterson is set to pay tribute to Jimmy Smith in his fantastic new show at The Haymarket on January 27 at 7.30pm.

Lucky Peterson was discovered by blues star Willie Dixon when he was three years old, released his first record at five and the rest is history.

Tickets cost £22.

Jim's on the road

COMEDY: Jim Davidson will bring his new show, On The Road Again, to The Anvil at 7.30pm.

The entertainment veteran will be putting his 40 years of experience into the tour, that's guaranteed to be as truthful and hilarious as ever.

Tickets cost £24. Show is suitable for over 16s.

Terror at the seaside

SHOW: Odd Doll, in association with LittleMighty will present Seaside Terror at the Creation Space in Basingstoke on February 1 at 7.30pm.

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The London Classic Car Show, now in its fourth year, is the must attend event for all classic car enthusiasts, celebrating the very best of automotive culture and nostalgia. Visitors will be able to experience over 700 classic cars at the show including some of the most legendary 'Getaway cars' from automotive history, used by some of popular culture's most infamous criminals, in one of the show's most hotly anticipated feature areas to date.

The Grand Avenue will make a return this year, paying homage to 'Specials', the limited editions, one-offs and prototypes of unique street and competition cars renowned for their rarity, curiosity and desirability. Visitors will witness some of the world's most genre defining cars cruise down Grand Avenue in a spectacle like no other.

The show will also celebrate the work and career of an unsung hero of

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British motor racing with the presentation of the Icon Award, marvelling at their triumphs and achievements through the years. This year's icon remains a closely guarded secret and will be announced in the coming weeks.

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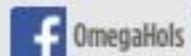
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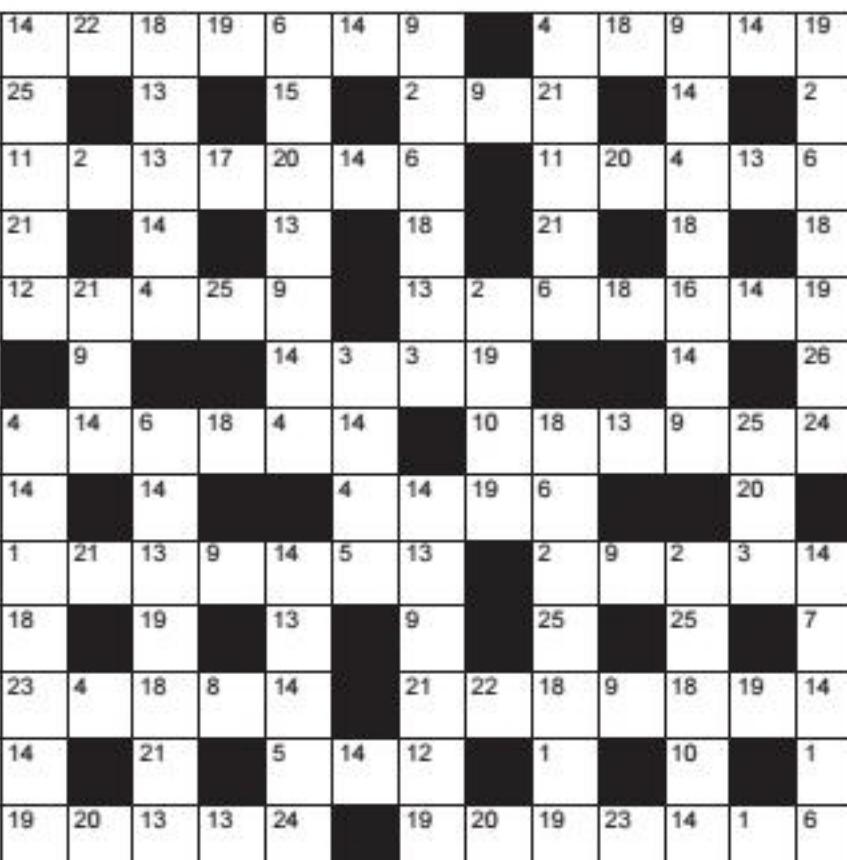
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Your weekly puzzle challenge

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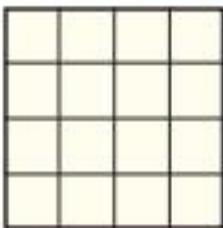
Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

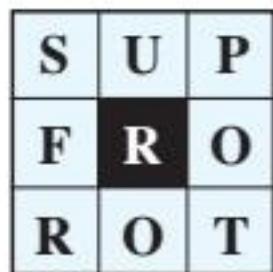
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Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.



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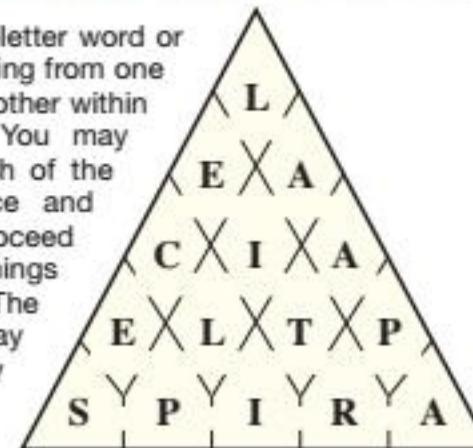


How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
20 Good; 23 Very Good;
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Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

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Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.

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9	5
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2	2
14	○ 2 ○ 4
1	1

Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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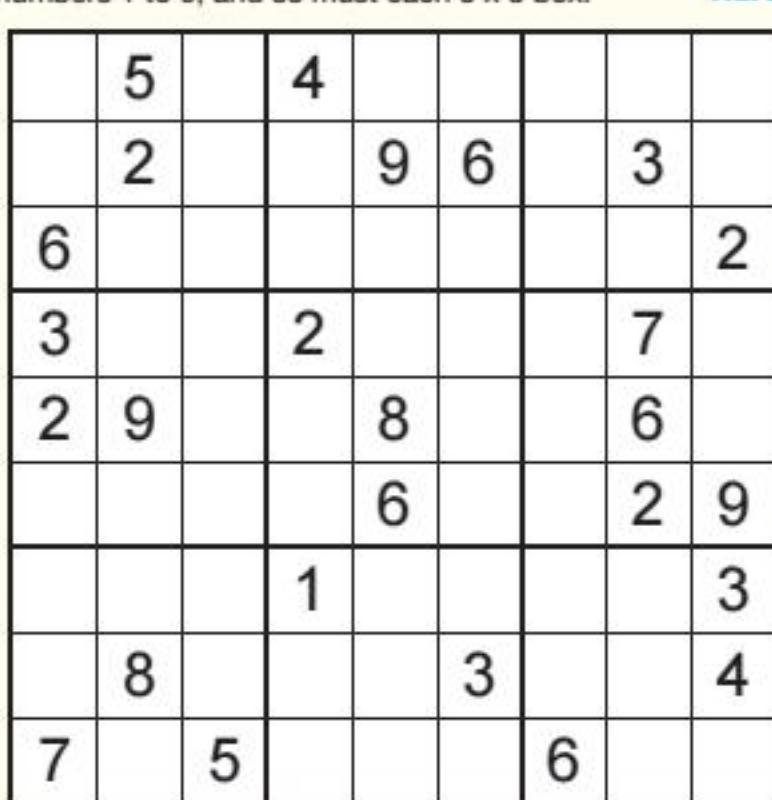
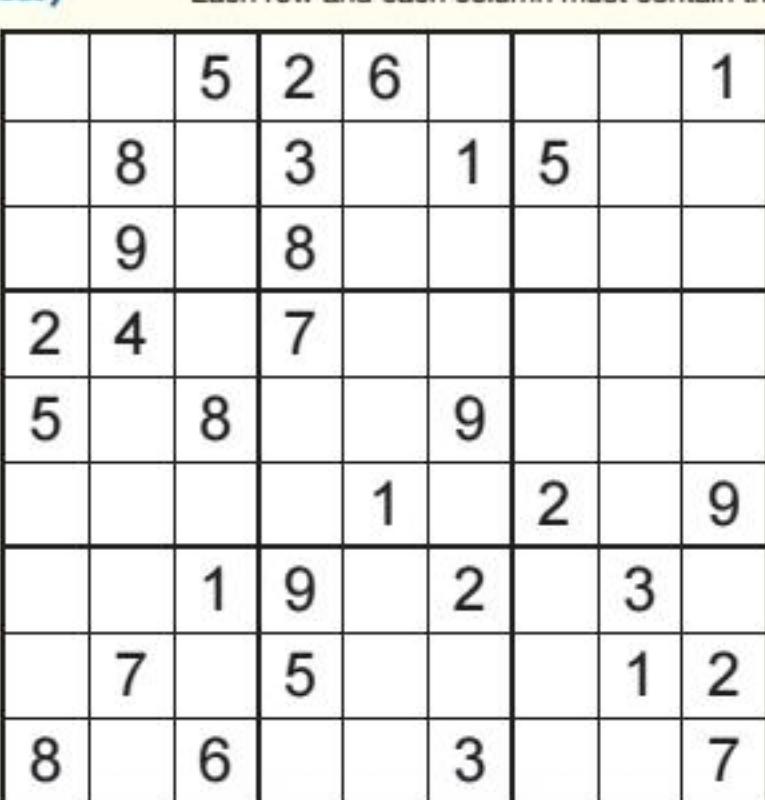
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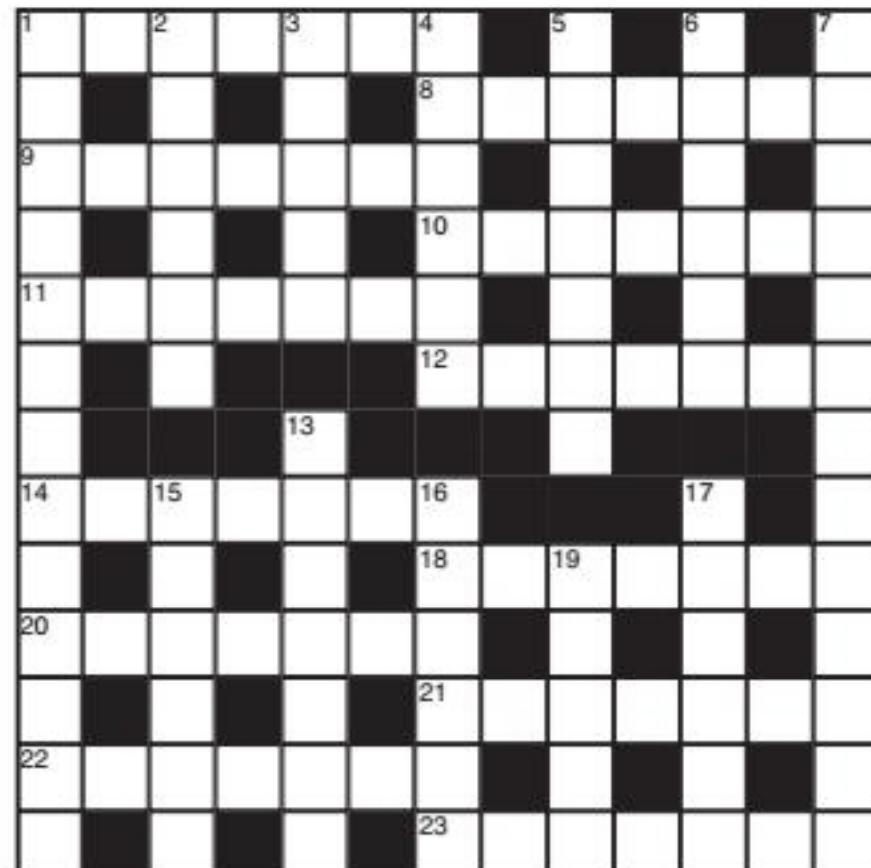
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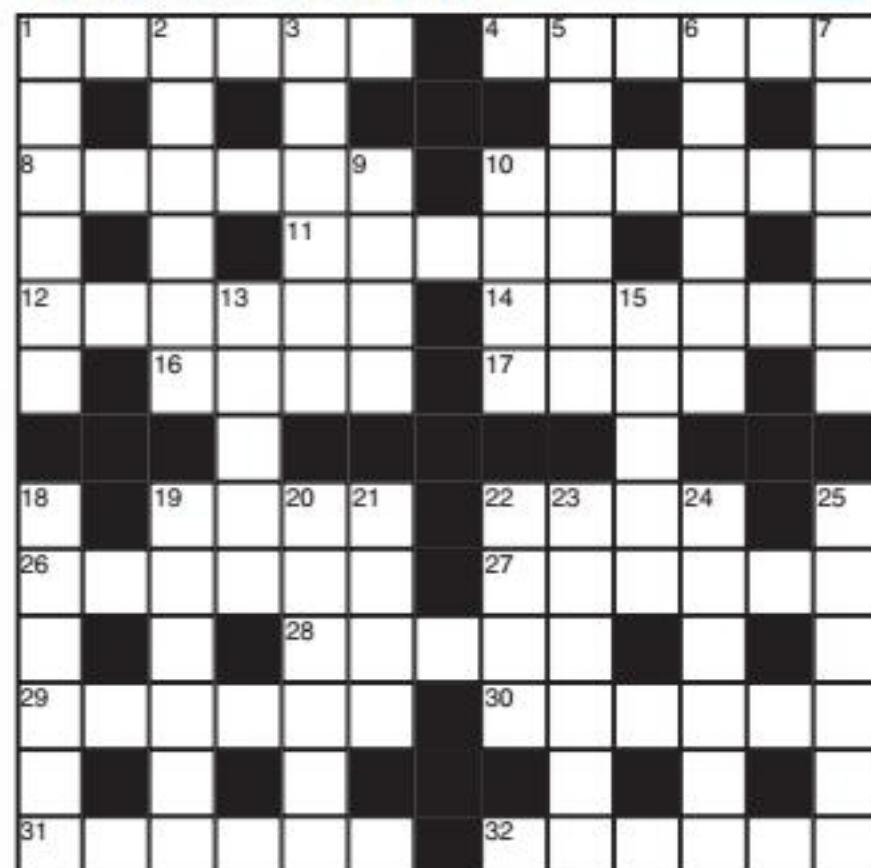
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- Translated his wail into African language (7)
- Not the way of peace (7)
- This turned out to be right item of clothing (1-5)
- Dunce sees two articles during craze (7)
- Gold tooth found in spacecraft (7)
- Vehicle melting tarmac by river (7)
- He could be Flemish (7)
- Foolish lunatic in charge (7)
- Devastated Don fled battle in Northumberland (7)
- Notedly disturbed? (7)
- Still in the forest fully clothed (7)
- Main supports needed to maintain one's balance (3,4)
- In the same place Liz is topless on a Spanish island (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Satisfy one's thirst (6)
- Besmear (6)
- the Hun (6)
- Introductory textbook (6)
- Internal organ (5)
- Gossip (6)
- Soaked (6)
- Time long past (4)
- Card with three spots (4)
- Animal skin (4)
- Decorated (6)
- Raised (6)
- In flower (6)
- Scoff at (6)
- Setting agent (6)
- Attractively old-fashioned (6)
- Existence (6)
- Visitor (6)
- Looking-glass (6)
- Cure (6)
- Renting (6)
- Yorkshire river (4)
- Nuisance (4)
- Symbol (5)
- Condescend (5)
- Climbed (6)
- Favour (6)
- Myth (6)
- Trampled (4)
- Carbonated drink (4)
- Type of farmland (6)
- Dine in a restaurant (3,3)
- Sailor (6)

Competition

WIN tickets to “Icons of the 80s” at The Anvil

Entertainers is proud to bring together your favourite eighties artists all on one stage! The latest line-up includes Go West, Nik Kershaw and Cutting Crew together in one unique concert

The eighties are back and these legendary stars have joined forces for a truly incredible, once in a lifetime, concert experience at Basingstoke's Anvil theatre on February 10th at 7.30pm.

With millions of albums sales and hits like We Close Our Eyes, Call Me, King Of Wishful Thinking, Wouldn't It Be Good, The Riddle, I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me, I've Been In Love Before and the classic (I Just) Died In Your Arms, this authentic 80s triple header is not to be missed.

Go West It has been over 30 years since Go West had their first hit single We Close Our Eyes. Other hits followed including Call Me, Goodbye Girl and Don't Look Down, Faithful and the smash hit theme song in the film Pretty Woman King of Wishful Thinking.

Nik Kershaw Nik Kershaw first

Closing date: Friday, February 2

achieved chart success in 1984 with Wouldn't It Be Good?, followed by other classics such as Won't Let the Sun Go Down on Me and The Riddle. A prolific writer for other artists, Nik also penned the number one single The One and Only for Chesney Hawkes.

Cutting Crew Originally formed in the mid-80s, this Grammy nominated, Anglo-Canadian rock band will always be remembered for their classic song (I Just) Died In Your Arms, which helped define the musical sounds of the club scene during the eighties and is still played widely today. Over twenty years later, with millions of album sales, original singer/song-

writer Nick Van Eede has signed new recording publishing deals and is back on the road promoting his awesome new material.

Win tickets!

We have a pair of tickets to this great show at The Anvil and to be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

Q: When did Nik Kershaw first chart with Wouldn't It Be good?

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Thursday January 11th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

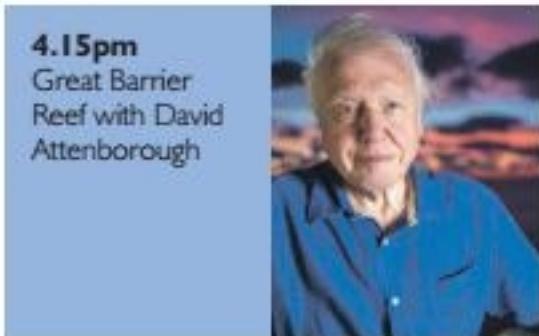
EVENING

BBC 1



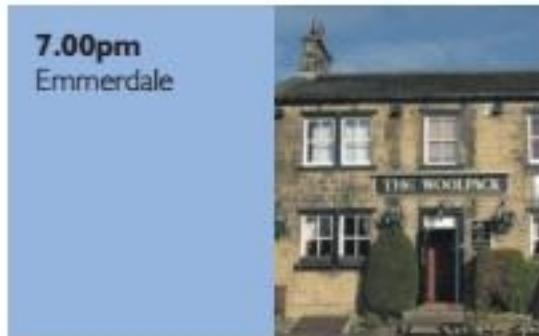
- 9.00pm Death in Paradise
- 9.15am Rip Off Britain
- 10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
- 11.00am Wanted Down Under
- 11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

BBC 2



- 4.15pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough
- 7.15am Antiques Road Trip
- 8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
- 9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
- 11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

ITV



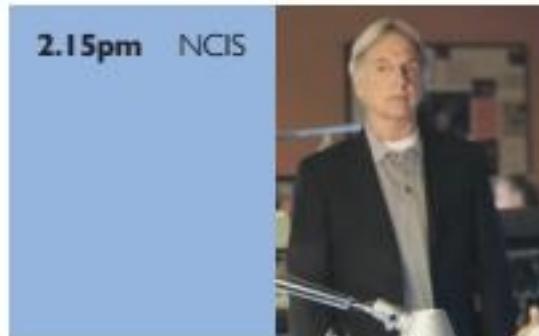
- 7.00pm Emmerdale
- 8.30am Lorraine
- 9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 10.30am This Morning

Channel 4



- 10.35pm The Undateables
- 7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
- 8.30am Frasier
- 10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
- 11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

Channel 5



- 2.15pm NCIS
- 8.20am Rusty Rivets
- 8.35am Shimmer and Shine
- 8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- 9.05am Mofy
- 9.15am The Wright Stuff
- 11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime

12.15pm The Hotel Inspector

1.15pm Home and Away

1.45pm Neighbours

2.15pm NCIS

3.15pm Dear Diary, I Died

5.00pm 5 News at 5

5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away

6.30pm 5 News Tonight

7.00pm Baby Ballroom

8.00pm Big Family Values: More Kids Than Cash

9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother

10.00pm Celebrity 100% Hotter!

11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

12.00am Super Casino

3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

4.00am Now That's Funny!

4.45am House Doctor

5.10am Wildlife SOS

- 6.00pm BBC News at Six
- 6.30pm Regional News and Weather
- 7.00pm The One Show
- 7.30pm EastEnders
- 8.00pm Big Cats
- 9.00pm Death in Paradise
- 10.00pm BBC News at Ten
- 10.30pm Regional News and Weather
- 10.45pm Question Time
- 11.45pm This Week
- 12.30am Weather for the Week Ahead
- 12.35am BBC News
- 6.00am Breakfast

- 6.00pm Eggheads
- 6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
- 7.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
- 8.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
- 9.00pm A House Through Time
- 10.00pm Live at the Apollo
- 10.30pm Newsnight
- 11.15pm Michael Palin: A Life on Screen
- 12.15am Labour - The Summer that Changed Everything
- 1.15am Imagine...
- 2.20am This is BBC Two
- 6.00am Flog it! Trade Secrets

- 6.00pm ITV News London
- 6.30pm ITV Evening News
- 7.00pm Emmerdale
- 7.30pm Tonight
- 8.00pm Emmerdale
- 8.30pm The Cruise
- 9.00pm Transformation Street
- 10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
- 10.30pm ITV News London
- 10.45pm Great Art
- 11.45pm Joanna Lumley's Postcards
- 12.10am Jackpot247
- 3.00am Tonight
- 3.25am ITV Nightscreen

- 6.00pm The Simpsons
- 6.30pm Hollyoaks
- 7.00pm Channel 4 News
- 8.00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
- 9.00pm Hunted
- 10.00pm Derry Girls
- 10.35pm The Undateables
- 11.35pm Working Class White Men
- 12.35am The Secret Life of the Zoo
- 1.30am Food Unwrapped Diet Special
- 2.30am How to Retire at 40
- 3.00am Grand Designs
- 3.55am Coast v Country

Friday January 12th**TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

- 9.15am** Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

- 12.15pm** Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

- 6.00pm** BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm A Question of Sport
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Room 101
9.00pm Would I Lie to You?
9.30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.25pm Regional News and Weather
10.35pm The Graham Norton Show
11.25pm Witless
11.50pm Sticky
12.15am Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC 2

- 7.15am** Antiques Road Trip
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

- 12.00pm** The Daily Politics
1.00pm Coast
1.15pm Himalaya with Michael Palin
3.15pm The Great British Winter
4.15pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough
5.15pm Flog It!

- 6.00pm** Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
7.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
8.00pm Mastermind
8.30pm A Vicar's Life
9.00pm Rome Unpacked
10.00pm QI
10.30pm Newsnight
11.05pm Deep Water
12.50am Panorama
1.20am Annie: Out of the Ashes
2.05am This is BBC Two
6.10am The Wonder of Animals
6.40am Naomi's Nightmares of Nature

ITV

- 8.30am** Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

- 12.30pm** Loose Women
1.30pm ITV News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

- 6.00pm** ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm River Monsters
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Lethal Weapon
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Take Me Out
11.45pm Through the Keyhole
12.35am Jackpot247
3.00am Alphabetical
3.50am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

- 7.10am** Everybody Loves Raymond
8.35am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

- 12.00pm** Channel 4 News
12.05pm Darts
5.00pm Come Dine with Me

- 6.00pm** The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
9.00pm The Big Fat Quiz of Everything
11.05pm First Dates Hotel
12.10am Amy
2.30am Kiri
3.20am Grand Designs
4.15am Coast v Country
5.10am Location, Location, Location
6.05am Kirstie's Vintage Gems
6.25am King of Queens

Channel 5

- 8.20am** Rusty Rivets
8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

- 12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm The Perfect Stalker
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

- 6.00pm** Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Wine Show
8.00pm Costa Del Celebrity
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Will and Grace
10.35pm Celebrity Big Brother
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am Celebrity Big Brother
4.25am Lip Sync Battle UK
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

Saturday January 13th**TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

- 10.00am** Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Mary Berry Everyday

- 12.00pm** Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Athletics
3.15pm Money for Nothing
4.00pm Final Score
5.10pm Celebrity Mastermind
5.40pm BBC News
5.50pm Regional News and Weather

- 6.00pm** And They're Off... for Sport Relief
6.40pm Pointless
7.25pm Wedding Day Winners
8.25pm Casualty
9.15pm BBC News
9.35pm Hard Sun
10.30pm Match of the Day
11.55pm The NFL Show
12.25am Mister John
1.55am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.00am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

- 8.00am** The Denegeers
8.30am Deadly Top 10
9.00am Robot Wars
10.00am Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge
11.00am Pets: Wild at Heart

- 12.00pm** Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
1.00pm A Vicar's Life
1.30pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble
2.30pm Rome Unpacked
3.30pm Brendan Foster: A Life in Athletics
4.15pm Flog It!
5.00pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
5.30pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good

- 6.00pm** Hugh's Wild West
7.00pm A House Through Time
8.00pm Dad's Army
8.30pm Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
9.00pm Live at the Apollo
9.45pm QI XL
10.30pm Madonna Rebel Heart Tour
12.30am Night Train to Lisbon
2.15am This is BBC Two
6.00am Coast

ITV

- 9.05am** Wishfarm
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.25am Save Money: Good Food
11.55am Countrywise

- 12.25pm** ITV News
12.35pm Dancing on Ice
2.30pm Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home
4.20pm The Chase
5.20pm ITV News London
5.30pm ITV News
5.45pm The Brits are Coming 2018

- 6.45pm** Take Me Out
8.00pm The Voice UK
9.30pm Through the Keyhole
10.25pm ITV News
10.45pm Jaws 2
12.45am Jackpot247
3.00am Babushka
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am Sooty
6.10am Bottom Knocker Street
6.35am Dino Dana
6.50am Super 4

Channel 4

- 7.15am** King of Queens
7.40am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.35am Frasier
10.05am The Big Bang Theory
11.30am The Simpsons

- 1.00pm** Come Dine with Me
2.00pm Darts
6.00pm A Place in the Sun
6.30pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Spying on the Royals
8.00pm Queen Victoria's Last Love
9.00pm Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation
11.40pm Transporter 2
1.20am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

- 2.10am** Hollyoaks Omnibus
4.15am Coast v Country
5.10am The Autistic Gardener
6.05am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures
6.10am King of Queens

Channel 5

- 9.40am** Digby Dragon
9.55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.30am Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud
10.55am Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits
11.55am Police Interceptors

- 12.55pm** The A-Team
3.00pm FIA Formula E
5.15pm Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
- 6.10pm** The Wonderful World of Puppies
7.00pm Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind-Ups
8.00pm Blind Date
9.00pm Football on 5
10.30pm Celebrity Big Brother
11.30pm Lip Sync Battle UK
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am Jonah Hex
4.30am Access
4.40am House Doctor
5.05am Wildlife SOS
5.35am Nick's Quest

Sunday January 14th**TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

9.00pm McMafia

7.35am Match of the Day

9.00am The Andrew Marr Show

10.00am The Big Questions

11.00am Sunday Politics

12.15pm Bargain Hunt

1.00pm BBC News

1.15pm Money for Nothing

2.00pm Escape to the Country

2.30pm The Truth About Looking Good

3.30pm Big Cats

4.30pm Songs of Praise

5.05pm Attenborough and the Sea Dragon

6.05pm BBC News

6.20pm Regional News and Weather

6.30pm Countryfile

7.30pm Still Open All Hours

8.00pm The Coronation

9.00pm McMafia

10.00pm BBC News

10.20pm Regional News and Weather

10.30pm Match of the Day 2

11.30pm Man Like Moeen

12.15am Weather for the Week Ahead

12.20am BBC News

6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

5.35pm Ski Sunday

8.15am Greatest Gardens

8.50am Countryfile

9.45am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites

11.15am Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well

11.45am Food and Drink

12.15pm MOTD2 Extra

1.00pm Masters Snooker

5.35pm Ski Sunday

6.20pm Mr Holmes

8.00pm Yellowstone

9.00pm Dragons' Den

10.00pm The Water Diviner

11.45pm Masters Snooker Highlights

12.35am Masters Snooker Extra

2.35am Question Time

3.35am Holby City

4.35am This is BBC Two

6.00am Flog it! Trade Secrets

6.30am The Farmers' Country Showdown

ITV

6.00pm Dancing on Ice

8.30am Spy School

9.05am Wishart

9.25am ITV News

9.30am River Monsters

10.00am Peston on Sunday

11.00am The Martin Lewis Money Show Live

12.00pm The Voice UK

1.30pm ITV News

1.40pm Britain's Brightest Family

2.10pm The Cruise

2.40pm Death Becomes Her

4.35pm ITV News London

4.45pm ITV News

5.00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special

6.00pm Dancing on Ice

8.00pm Vera

10.00pm ITV News

10.15pm Peston on Sunday

11.10pm Next of Kin

12.05am Great Art

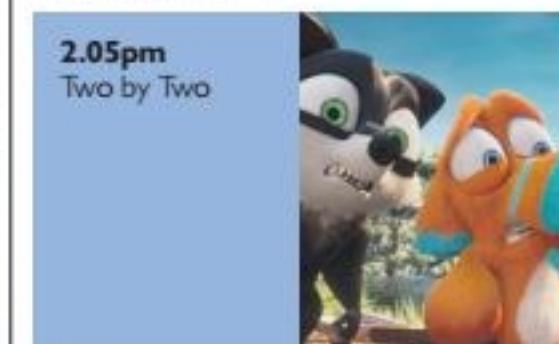
1.00am Jackpot247

3.00am Sunday Night at the Palladium

3.50am ITV Nightscreen

5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show

6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

2.05pm Two by Two

7.00am Everybody Loves Raymond

7.55am Frasier

9.30am Sunday Brunch

12.30pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food

1.05pm The Simpsons

2.05pm Two by Two

3.50pm Channel 4 News

4.15pm Darts

8.00pm The Biggest Little Railway in the World

9.00pm SAS: Who Dares Wins

10.00pm The Big Fat Quiz of Everything

12.00am Killing Them Softly

1.45am Grand Designs

2.40am Location, Location, Location

3.35am KOTV Boxing Weekly

4.00am Gillette World Sport

4.30am Coast v Country

5.25am How to Stay Well

5.50am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures

5.55am 3rd Rock from the Sun

Channel 5

4.40pm Garfield 2: A Tail of Two Kitties

9.00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom

9.10am Shimmer and Shine

9.25am Digby Dragon

9.45am Peppa Pig

10.00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

10.35am Football on 5

12.00pm Blind Date

1.00pm Will and Grace

1.30pm Are We There Yet?

3.15pm Dennis Strikes Again

4.40pm Garfield 2: A Tail of Two Kitties

6.10pm Pixels

7.10pm 5 News

7.15pm Pixels

8.00pm Billionaire Babies: 24 Carat Kids

8.55pm 5 News Weekend

9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother

10.05pm Grown Ups 2

11.55pm One Night with My Ex

12.55am Super Casino

3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

4.00am Kavos: Get Your Tatts Out

4.45am House Doctor

5.10am Wildlife SOS

5.35am Divine Designs

Monday January 15th**TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

11.15pm Miriam's Big American Adventure

9.15am Rip Off Britain

10.00am Homes Under the Hammer

11.00am Wanted Down Under

11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

12.15pm Bargain Hunt

1.00pm BBC News at One

1.30pm Regional News and Weather

1.45pm Doctors

2.15pm Father Brown

3.00pm Escape to the Country

3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown

4.30pm Antiques Road Trip

5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six

6.30pm Regional News and Weather

7.00pm The One Show

7.30pm Inside Out

8.00pm EastEnders

8.30pm Panorama

9.00pm Silent Witness

10.00pm BBC News at Ten

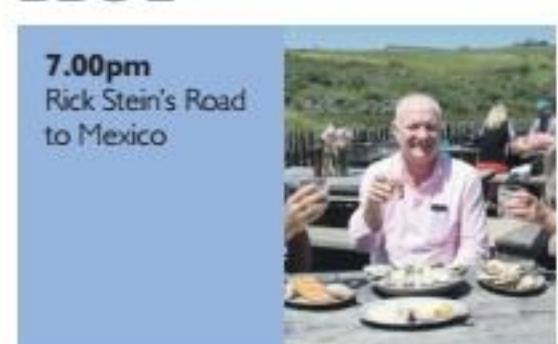
10.30pm Regional News and Weather

10.45pm Have I Got Old News for You

11.15pm Miriam's Big American Adventure

12.15am The Graham Norton Show

1.05am Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC 2

7.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico

7.15am Antiques Road Trip

8.00am Antiques Roadshow

9.00am Victoria Derbyshire

11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics

1.00pm Masters Snooker

4.45pm More Creatures Great and Small

5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads

6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys

7.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico

8.00pm Only Connect

8.30pm University Challenge

9.00pm Surgeons: At the Edge of Life

10.00pm Insert Name Here

10.30pm Newsnight

11.15pm Masters Snooker Highlights

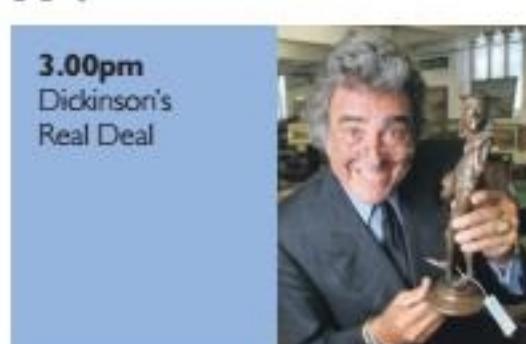
12.05am Masters Snooker Extra

2.05am Countryfile

3.00am Rick Stein's Road to Mexico

4.00am This is BBC Two

6.00am Flog it! Trade Secrets

ITV

3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal

8.30am Lorraine

9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show

10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women

1.30pm ITV News

1.55pm ITV News London

2.00pm Judge Rinder

3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal

4.00pm Tipping Point

5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London

6.30pm ITV Evening News

7.00pm Emmerdale

7.30pm Coronation Street

8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show

8.30pm Coronation Street

9.00pm Next of Kin

10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather

10.30pm ITV News London

10.45pm School for Stammerers

12.10am Jackpot247

3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

3.50am ITV Nightscreen

5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel 4

6.00pm The Simpsons

7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond

8.30am Frasier

10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News

12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me

1.05pm Posh Pawn

2.10pm Countdown

3.00pm Village of the Year

4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun

5.00pm Four in a Bed

5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

Channel 5

8.00pm Police Interceptors

8.20am Rusty Rivets

8.35am Shimmer and Shine

8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom

9.05am Mofy

9.15am The Wright Stuff

11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime

12.15pm The Hotel Inspector

1.05pm Access

1.15pm Home and Away

1.45pm Neighbours

2.15pm NCIS

3.15pm The Wrong Mother

5.00pm 5 News at 5

5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away

6.30pm 5 News Tonight

7.00pm Car Crash TV

8.00pm Police Interceptors

9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother

10.00pm Not So Sweet Sixteen

11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

12.05am Celebrity Botched Up Bodies

1.00am Super Casino

3.10am Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh

4.00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink

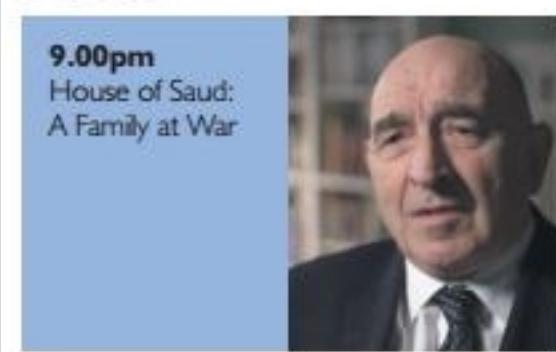
4.45am House Doctor

Tuesday January 16th**TOP TV****MORNING****AFTERNOON****EVENING****BBC 1**

- 10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer
- 9.15am** Rip Off Britain
- 10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer
- 11.00am** Wanted Down Under
- 11.45am** Close Calls: On Camera

- 12.15pm** Bargain Hunt
- 1.00pm** BBC News at One
- 1.30pm** Regional News and Weather
- 1.45pm** Doctors
- 2.15pm** Father Brown
- 3.00pm** Escape to the Country
- 3.45pm** The Farmers' Country Showdown
- 4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip
- 5.15pm** Pointless

- 6.00pm** BBC News at Six
- 6.30pm** Regional News and Weather
- 7.00pm** The One Show
- 7.30pm** EastEnders
- 8.00pm** Holby City
- 9.00pm** Silent Witness
- 10.00pm** BBC News at Ten
- 10.30pm** Regional News and Weather
- 10.45pm** Love and Hate Crime
- 11.45pm** Stacey Dooley Investigates
- 12.45am** Weather for the Week Ahead
- 12.50am** BBC News
- 6.00am** Breakfast

BBC 2

- 9.00pm** House of Saud: A Family at War
- 7.15am** Antiques Road Trip
- 8.00am** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
- 9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire
- 11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live

- 12.00pm** The Daily Politics
- 1.00pm** Masters Snooker
- 4.45pm** More Creatures Great and Small
- 5.15pm** Flog It!

- 6.00pm** Eggheads
- 6.30pm** Great British Railway Journeys
- 7.00pm** Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
- 8.00pm** Inside the Factory
- 9.00pm** House of Saud: A Family at War
- 10.00pm** Inside No 9
- 10.30pm** Newsnight
- 11.15pm** NFL
- 12.05am** Masters Snooker Highlights
- 12.55am** Masters Snooker Extra
- 2.55am** The Real Marigold on Tour
- 3.55am** Miriam's Big American Adventure
- 4.55am** This is BBC Two

ITV

- 7.30pm** Britain's Favourite Dogs: Top 100
- 8.30am** Lorraine
- 9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 10.30am** This Morning

- 12.30pm** Loose Women
- 1.30pm** ITV News
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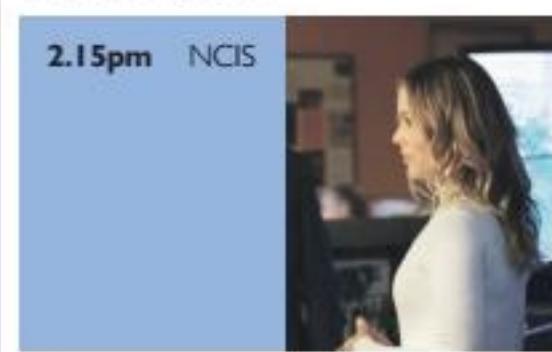
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- 12.10am** Holiday Horrors: Caught on Camera
- 12.55am** Jackpot247
- 3.00am** Loose Women
- 3.50am** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

- 4.00pm** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
- 7.10am** Everybody Loves Raymond
- 8.30am** Frasier
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- 9.00pm** 24 Hours in A and E
- 10.00pm** Working Class White Men
- 11.00pm** Before We Die
- 12.15am** Naked Attraction
- 1.10am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
- 2.00am** Secrets of Our Favourite Snacks
- 2.55am** Warship
- 3.50am** Rivers with Jeremy Paxman
- 4.45am** Coast v Country

Channel 5

- 2.15pm** NCIS
- 8.20am** Rusty Rivets
- 8.35am** Shimmer and Shine
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- 12.15pm** The Hotel Inspector
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- 1.45pm** Neighbours
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- 3.15pm** False Pretences
- 5.00pm** 5 News at 5
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- 6.00pm** Home and Away
- 6.30pm** 5 News Tonight
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- 8.00pm** Diet Secrets and How to Lose Weight
- 9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother
- 10.00pm** One Night with My Ex
- 11.05pm** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
- 12.05am** Celebrity Big Brother
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- 4.00am** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink

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- 2.15pm** Father Brown
- 9.15am** Rip Off Britain
- 10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer
- 11.00am** Wanted Down Under
- 11.45am** Close Calls: On Camera

- 12.15pm** Bargain Hunt
- 1.00pm** BBC News at One
- 1.30pm** Regional News and Weather
- 1.45pm** Doctors
- 2.15pm** Father Brown
- 3.00pm** Escape to the Country
- 3.45pm** The Farmers' Country Showdown
- 4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip
- 5.15pm** Pointless

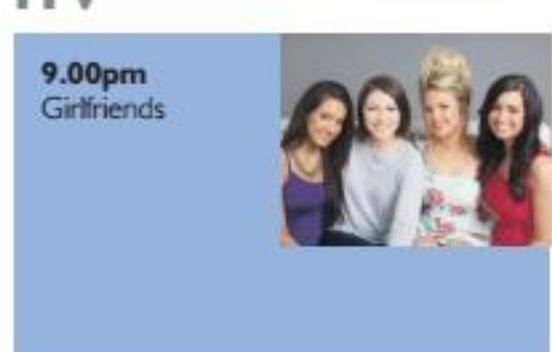
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- 6.30pm** Regional News and Weather
- 7.00pm** The One Show
- 7.30pm** Match of the Day Live
- 10.00pm** BBC News at Ten
- 10.30pm** Regional News and Weather
- 10.45pm** A Question of Sport
- 11.15pm** And They're Off... for Sport Relief
- 12.00am** Weather for the Week Ahead
- 12.05am** BBC News
- 6.00am** Breakfast

BBC 2

- 9.00pm** Millionaires' Ex-Wives Club
- 7.15am** Antiques Road Trip
- 8.00am** Fern Britton Meets...
- 9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire
- 11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live
- 11.30am** The Daily Politics

- 1.00pm** Masters Snooker
- 4.45pm** More Creatures Great and Small
- 5.15pm** Flog It!

- 6.00pm** Eggheads
- 6.30pm** Great British Railway Journeys
- 7.00pm** Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
- 8.00pm** Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good
- 8.30pm** Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
- 9.00pm** Millionaires' Ex-Wives Club
- 10.00pm** Mock the Week
- 10.30pm** Newsnight
- 11.15pm** Masters Snooker Highlights
- 12.05am** Masters Snooker Extra
- 2.05am** Attenborough and the Sea Dragon
- 3.05am** Six Robots and Us

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- 7.00pm** Emmerdale
- 7.30pm** Coronation Street
- 8.00pm** Britain's Brightest Family
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- 10.30pm** ITV News London
- 10.45pm** Transformation Street
- 11.40pm** Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
- 12.35am** Jackpot247

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Subaru Forester 2.0i XE Premium

Impressive drive, on and off the road

By Tony Yates

AS this is my first review of 2018, I wanted to start it off with something pretty special in the form of the updated Subaru Forester 2.0i XE Premium. For those of you who don't know this, the Forester really is the hidden gem when it comes to doing everything right first time and with minimal fuss. The Forester to me is the car that has it all and a car that will probably never let you down. Yes, that may seem a little over the top, but there is a reason for this. The Subaru Forester is an utterly brilliant car in every way. If you are still not convinced, then sit back and read on as I explain the pure brilliance of this machine.

Power & efficiency

The Forester was equipped with a powerful and efficient 2.0-litre Horizontally-opposed, 4 cylinder petrol engine - a unit that provides you with a maximum power of 150 PS and a torque figure of 198Nm. The Forester

also achieved 40.3mpg on the combined cycle which is quite impressive. Maximum speed comes in at around 119mph and a 0-62mph of 11.8s. This is also an engine that provides more than enough power on the road - whilst its horizontally-opposed 4 cylinder design provides you with a smooth drive in any gear. It's also important to note that this is no slouch - yes it may look on paper to be a bit low on power when you look at the competition, but let's be clear here, the Forester has more than enough grunt for any occasion.

On the road

One of the benefits of the Forester is in its ability to do off-road 'brilliantly'. The Forester really is fantastic, which is why it's probably the most preferred mode of transport for anyone who owns a farm - or the more adventurous type who prefers the muddy tracks of the outdoors rather than the city tarmac. To be honest, it makes little difference where you take the Forester, the end result will be the same.

The Forester is also a very stable

and well-balanced machine and a willing companion into bends, yet its comfortable enough in off-road mode or at times when you need it to become the long-distance mile eater at a minutes' notice.

Design & technology

The Subaru Forester offers you plenty of standard equipment such as, Auto HID headlamps with auto leveller, 17-inch aluminium alloy wheels, leather-wrapped steering wheel and gearshift knob, heated front seats, leather seating, dual-zone automatic air-conditioning system with anti-dust filter, automatic rain-sensing wipers, X-Mode, Hill Descent Control, Si-Drive (SUBARU Intelligent Drive), 7" multi-function colour touchscreen, reversing camera and Active Torque Split Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive System.

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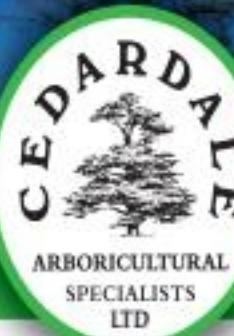
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Vince earns recall to T20 side for tour



James Vince walks off after scoring 178 in the One-Day Cup against Glamorgan in 2017. Picture: Hampshire Cricket

HAMPSHIRE cricketer James Vince has been recalled to England's 16-man Twenty20 side for the Tri-Series against Australia and New Zealand next month.

The call up comes after a torrid Ashes series for Vince who finished the 4-0 series defeat with 242 runs at an average of 26.88, but will stay on tour for the mini tournament, which starts on February 7 in Hobart.

Vince missed the national side's last T20 international when it crumbled to defeat against West Indies at Chester-le-Street in September last year.

The tournament will give Vince a chance to prove his doubters wrong, not least England's assistant coach Paul Farbrace, who singled the Hampshire man out for criticism in Australia.

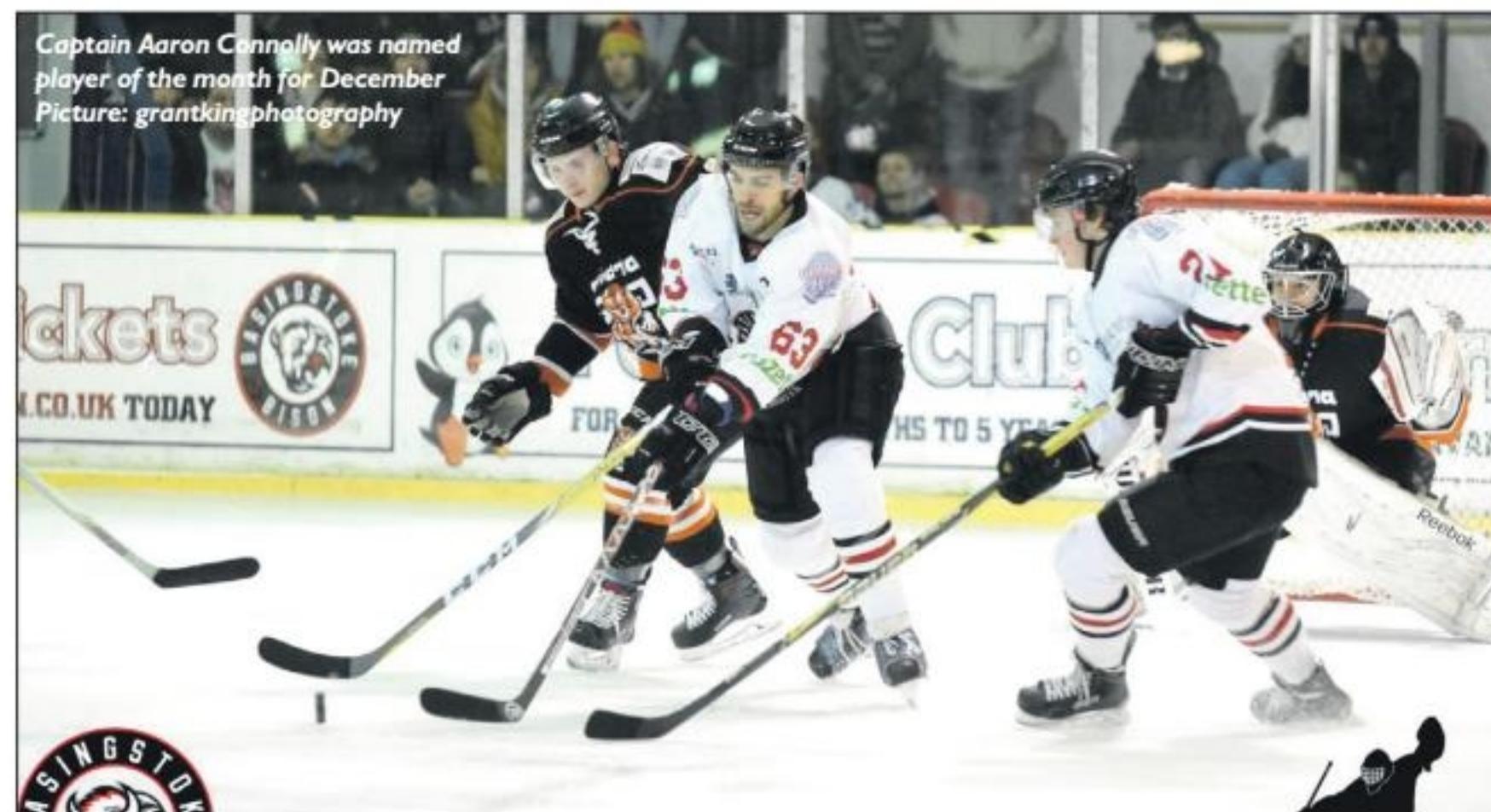
Deserved victory gets new year off to a good start

TWO second half goals ensured Hartley Wintney started the new year with a win as they earned a well-deserved three points at home to Bedford Town on Saturday.

Striker Rowan Vine found the back of the net from the edge of the box just after the restart and Paul Hodges fired into the bottom corner on 70 minutes as the Row ran out 2-0 winners.

The victory, the first in four matches, lifted Hartley three positions in the Evo-Stik South East

Captain Aaron Connolly was named player of the month for December
Picture: grantkingphotography



Bison charge to the top

By George Welch

VICTORY was bittersweet for Basingstoke Bison in their final National Cup game of the season beating Telford Tigers 5-3 but finishing third overall, while a narrow 3-2 away win over Bracknell Bees on Sunday gave more cause for celebration.

The result of their excursion to Berkshire sees the Herd draw level with Peterborough Phantoms at the summit of the NIHL South 1 on 32 points, although manager Doug Sheppard's side have a game in hand over their title rivals.

The Bees took an early lead on the ice when Carl Thompson (10 minutes) scored a powerplay goal midway through the first period, but Roman Malinik (12) was on hand to equal the score line with a shorthanded strike

just 90 seconds later.

Grant Rounding (21) opened the scoring in the second period before Malinik netted his second (32) and the eventual match winner.

Bison survived a late scare from Callum Best with less than two minutes to go as Alex Mettam was hauled from the net for the last 53 seconds to hold onto their 3-2 lead and claim both points.

Captain Aaron Connolly said: "Telford are the top team in the division and with a big league fixture on Sunday it was important that we put in a good performance and went into the Bracknell game with a win."

"Credit to Bracknell as they brought it to us all night in what was a very close game, Sunday night was Roman's turn to come up trumps with two big goals."

"Brackell are a solid team struggling for results but Sunday was not their night and we stuck together and kept to the game plan coming out 3-2 winners on the night."

"It was a huge weekend for us and a four point weekend was exactly what we need coming into a week off."

Head coach Sheppard heaped praise on his captain for his performances in the league recently.

He said: "I just want to take a moment to congratulate Aaron on being selected as NIHL1 South Player of the Month for December."

"It's thoroughly deserved as he's been a true leader on and off the ice all season it's nice to see that recognised."

Next up for the Herd is a double-weekender with home and away games against Swindon Wildcats beginning Saturday January 20.



sheet and I was pleased for our two new players, Scott Rees and Jack Ball, to come in and do so well."

Millerick, who admitted there could be a few new arrivals at the club soon, added: "I felt the new players today did well. Overall I felt we were not at our best but still played well and deserved to win. We are looking to get better and push up the league."

Hartley face an away game at Hanwell Town on Saturday before hosting Ashford Town on Tuesday.

Sport Bites

Poor form continues

BASINGSTOKE RFC picked up where they left off in 2017 as they lost their 13th game in a row.

Rooted to the bottom of the London 3 South West on two points, 'Stoke began 2018 with a 26-7 loss at third bottom Weybridge Vandals.

Things look likely to get even worse for Basingstoke – they face a home game against league leaders Old Cranleighans, who have won 13 of their 14 matches, on Saturday.

Tadley Tigers, sixth in the BBO Premier division, will get 2018 under way with a trip to Hungerford (7th) on Saturday.

They head into the match in inconsistent form, winning three and losing three of their last three matches.

Buffs narrow miss

A FIFTH defeat on the spin continued Basingstoke Buffalo's miserable run of form in NIHL South2.

The Buffs lost 6-5 in overtime at Haringey Huskies on Saturday as they slipped a place to third-bottom following their second overtime defeat in 14 games.

Braces from Blair Dubyk and Cameron Buckle and a goal from Samuel Compton earned Basingstoke a point before losing out to Ben Osborne's winner in added time.

The struggling side have a week off before an away game at Solent Devils (3rd) on Saturday January 20.

Hit for six

TADLEY Calleva hit Alton for six as they kept pressure on the Wessex First Division pacesetters.

Second-placed Tadley swept Alton aside 6-1 at Barlows Park on Saturday but couldn't close the gap on Andover New Street, who won 3-1 away at Ringwood Town.

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'Stoke triumph against all the odds to notch up a late victory

By Owen Hughes

THERE was late drama on Saturday for Basingstoke Town as they left it until the 92nd minute to secure a 3-2 victory against Kettering Town.

A free-scoring 'Stoke have notched up nine goals in their last three games, with Sam Smart opening the weekend's scoring in the 29th minute.

'Stoke perhaps should have taken the lead even earlier when Sam Argent found himself unmarked at the back post but headed over the top on 16 minutes before squandering another opportunity four minutes later.

The away side could not get a grip on midfield as Basingstoke piled pressure on at the Camrose in front of 422 fans and could easily have put the tie to bed before half time.

The second half continued in the same vein as Callum Bunting was allowed to latch onto a through ball to round the Kettering keeper to double the lead on 65 minutes.

But defensive frailties have been Basingstoke's undoing in recent weeks and the Poppies threatened a comeback late on when their first two shots on target in the 82nd and 84th minute both ended up in the back of the net.

It was game on when Colm McAden was unable to keep out Aaron O'Connor's low shot sparking a

period of sustained pressure from the away side.

Substitute Matthew Stevens bundled in a cross at the far post to level the score as 'Stoke were forced to defend seven corners and two free kicks before the 90 minutes were up.

The final blow came courtesy of match hero Bunting as his stoppage time header secured victory.

Manager Terry Brown said: "I thought we were the better side from start to finish. I think they had a minute where they scored a goal and then the next five minutes were like Dunkirk in there with balls coming in left, right and centre.

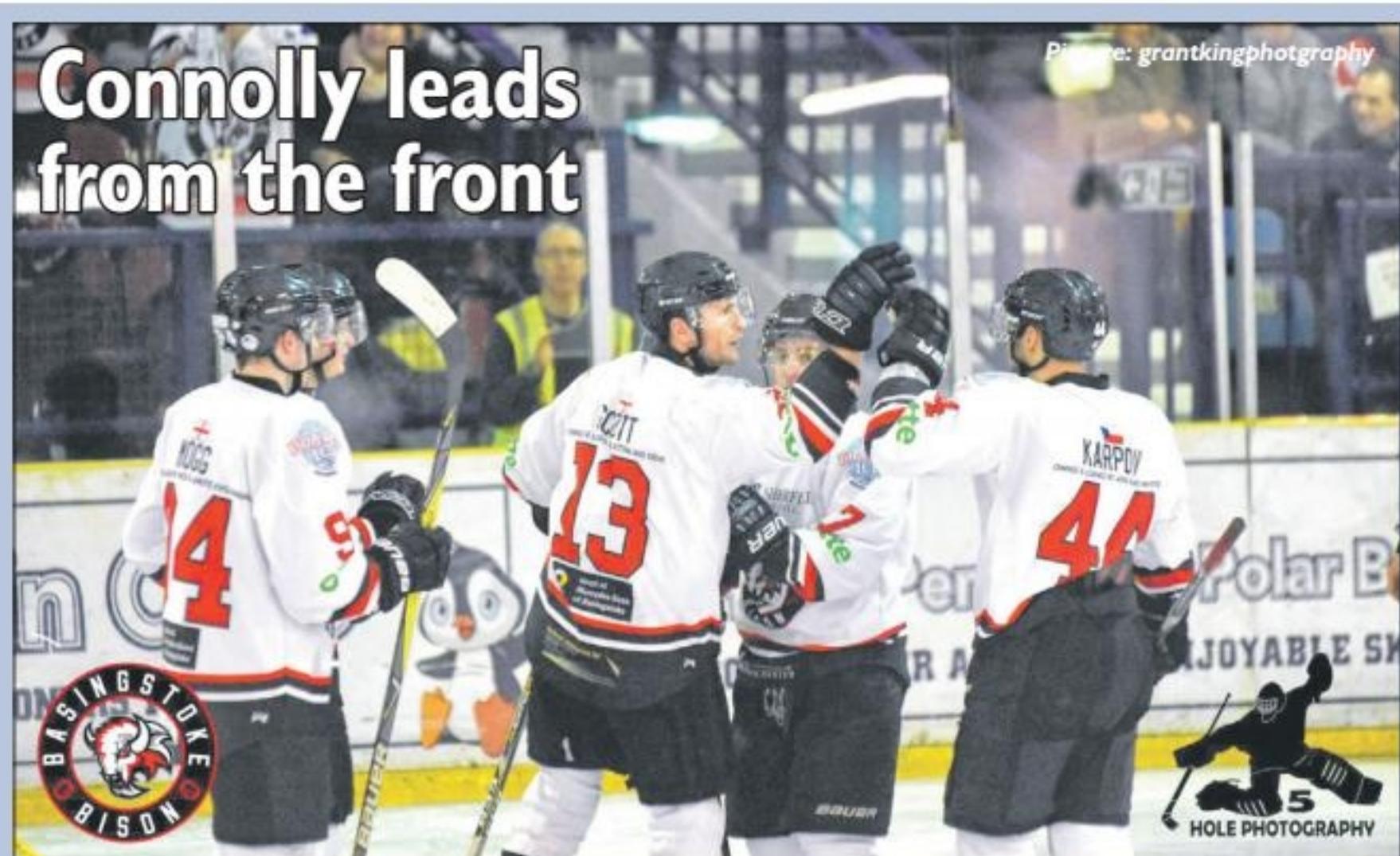
"We managed to weather that and nick a late goal that we thoroughly deserved, I thought we were by far the better side.

"To show the character they did after giving two goals away in a minute, to come back and win it was credit to how much heart and belief the boys have."

Much of Terry Brown's post match interview turned to the "dire" financial situation at the club.

He added: "It's a fantastic day but a sad realisation that the Club can't even fund a team on a budget of just over a grand a week."

Basingstoke welcome Marlow in the Cup on Tuesday before returning to league action at Chesham on Saturday.



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Bison celebrate scoring in their NIHL National Cup D victory over runners up Telford Tigers on Saturday

Player of the month Aaron Connolly led by example as his side made sure they went into the double weekender with a 5-3 victory in the National Cup against a tough Telford team.

The Tigers scored twice in the first period putting Bison on the back foot

in their final Cup game of the season. The Herd were much sharper in the second period and it was all level 91 seconds into the final period.

A second for Dan Davies put Basingstoke in front minutes before the Tigers levelled again, but it was game

over when first one goal and then another was added with just a couple of minutes left to play.

The win gave Bison the momentum as they headed into Sunday's clash with Bracknell Bees in the NIHL South 1. See inside for full report.

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